National and International importance in various States/UTs in consultation with them.

Lack of knowledge of guides

1296. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorised guides who conduct the tourists to various historical monuments in the country do not possess adequate knowledge and information relating to the monuments being visited and, reportedly, convey wrong or incorrect information to the visitors and the foreign tourists, in particular, prefer to depend on their own authentic books/literature, instead; and

(b) if so, the details of such complaints received, if any, and steps being taken to suitably brief and train the guides assigned to various monuments in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Tourist Guides are inducted through an intensive training programme and from time to time they attend Refresher Courses to upgrade their knowledge of tourist products.

Constitution of National Water Mission

†1297. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision with regard to constituting a National Water Mission has been taken in order to discuss and resolve all issues related to water;

(b) if so, by when the constitution of the Mission is likely to be completed; and

(c) by when the Mission is likely to start functioning?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.